

### REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 4, 8, and 23-25 are pending in this application. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in the Office Action of May 8, 2003. Accordingly, each claim found to include allowable subject matter has been amended to be in independent form and include the limitations of any base claim or intervening claim, or has been otherwise amended to accomplish the same goal. Further, although claim 25 was not indicated to be allowable previously, it has been amended to depend from claim 23, which was found to be allowable.

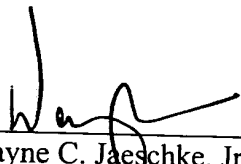
For these reasons, all pending claims are in condition for allowance and a notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

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